SAC hopefuls await results

JOHN TURNER
President

By BRIAN SALMI
Staff Writer

Only 40 students turned out to listen to campaign speeches from candidates vying for a spot on next year's Student Administrative Council (SAC) Tuesday in the Hamilton Room.

Better communication between students and SAC, more student participation in school events and getting satellite campuses involved with school activities were issues agreed upon by presidential candidates Charlie Porcelli and John Turner.

John, of NC's Choice party, said he would be willing to sacrifice a few pubs to bring in more big name bands which he said would attract larger crowds.

Charlie of the SWAT (Students Willing to Act Together) team, said his main goal would be to get the student body more involved in guiding SAC.

Speeches were made to Mack nursing students Monday, Welland campus students Tuesday, Rainbow Hotel Centre students Wednesday and Theatre Centre students Thursday. Speeches for the Horticultural Centre scheduled for today have been cancelled because of its annual Open House.

Students at satellite campuses will vote Monday and Welland campus students will vote Tuesday.

At the main campus Tuesday most candidates addressed themselves to the need for more student involvement and better communication between SAC and students. Other issues ranged from the proposed student centre and parking to parties and pubs.

TAKE A STAND

One student rose and challenged Charlie to take a stand on "anything." Charlie said student opinion would be the guiding light on issues concerning them if he were elected.

Another asked John if he intends to follow through on a pro-

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CHARLIE PORCELLI
President

YOUR BALLOT A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT

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Winter's snow has meant fewer parking tickets for illegal parkers, even those who park in obviously non-parking areas such as right under No Parking signs. But a warning has been issued that with the advent of warmer weather, the tickets will be issued again and Welland's coffers will be enriched once again.

$4m aids students at Niagara College

More than $4 million in student grants and loans were allotted to Niagara College in the 1983-84 school year.

According to ministry of education statistics, a total of 1,760 Niagara College applicants was given financial assistance under the study grant program.

Mary Ellen Joynt, financial aid officer, said students applying for the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) for 1984-85 may pick up application forms in late April. Mrs. Joynt advises students returning to school in September to return the completed forms by July 1 to the college or universtiy they plan to attend. This will assure students their applications should be in place for the beginning of the school year.

Students are eligible for grants under the study grant program for four academic years and may receive loans beyond this.

Students who have received government loans and are not returning to school in the fall should get in touch with their bank and prepare to make arrangements to repay the loan which remains interest-free for six months after completion of the program.

Robarts: Best wishes

The more backing an elected council has, the greater chance it has to implement a program that appeals to a majority of students, Niagara College president Jacqueline Robarts said.

Miss Robarts was commenting on next week's Student Administrative Coucil (SAC) elections and Student Senate elections at Welland Vale March 23.

To all those seeking election, Miss Robarts conveyed "my best wishes to all of the candidates, and may the best persons win."

Last year (SAC) elections had the best voter turnout in six years, and Miss Robarts said she hopes the student body will get out and vote because it's important for those elected to have been chosen by a good number of students.

"I'm personally very pleased with the work that Denis Noel's council has done this year and I know that many things the council was able to do were because of good student support," Miss Robarts said.

Voting for SAC will be held Monday at satellite campuses

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Here's Mickey

The Wonderful World of Disney will be returning to Niagara College Campus next Tuesday.

Disney representatives will be recruiting tourism and co-op education students for the EPCOT Centre, Florida, newest addition to Disney world.

The meeting will be held in Room S-211 at 1215.

Spring will bring blizzard of tickets

A time of year that brings sunny weather and warm days is approaching quickly according to the calendar.

The grass becomes green, trees begin to bloom, and flowers sprout. With the arrival of spring and the disappearance of winter's snow, another reality reveals itself to Niagara College students.

Small, crisp, white pieces of paper start to appear on windshields of illegally parked cars — the dreaded parking ticket.

"When the snow is on the ground tickets are never issued," Jack Spittle, director of property and plant, said. "The reason is people can't see where the lines are. When the snow is gone there is never a day that goes by that someone isn't ticketed."

Mr. Spittle said most violations take place in front of the Tecumseh building.

"There are 12 parking spaces set aside for handicapped students." Students who are not handicapped ignore signs posted and then get annoyed when they are ticketed."

The ticketing measures were brought in after the Board of Governors asked for a by-law to control the parking, Mr. Spittle said.

"The idea of the by-law was to make it safe for pedestrians and other cars. Parking can get out of hand in 15 minutes." The by-law permits the towing of illegally parked cars, Mr. Spittle said.

Welland Vale teachers upset at tickets

By DOUG GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Teachers at Welland Vale in St. Catharines, are complaining about receiving parking tickets but a city hall official said the parking officer is doing nothing wrong in ticketing the teachers.

Some of the teachers have been getting $10 tickets when they park their cars beside telephone poles and because the cars jut out are blocking a fire lane.

One teacher, given a $10 ticket on March 8 for blocking a fire lane, does not think he did anything wrong.

The teachers think they are not doing anything wrong because there are no signs posted and they do not think they are blocking the fire lane.

NO SIGNS

He said there were "no signs posted" and he parked his small car "as close as I could" to the pole to leave enough room in the fire lane. "There was enough room for two fire trucks."

The St. Catharines city hall official, who asked not to be named, said as long "as people don't park in a fire lane, you won't get tagged." He said "fire lanes are a safety factor" and should not be blocked at any time.

But Dorothy Korchok, upgrading math and English teacher who received a $10 ticket on March 7 for blocking a fire lane, said "some exception should have been given" to her because her ticket was issued just after the blizzard and many of the parking spots were blocked by snow.

NO INDICATION

Mrs.Korchok parked beside a telephone pole near the front entrance to the school and said there was no indication that people are not allowed to park by the poles.

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Communication vital campaign issue

Hopefuls await

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mise to use the room next to the weight room for women's jazzercise and aerobics, and if so, what would become of the 60-member Science Club which uses the room now?

Tony DiGioia, candidate for social convener in John's party, said if more students could make use of the room than the Science Club, the club would have to be relocated.

In addition to the two parties, one independent is contesting the elections; Jim Brickell is running for internal affairs. Two SWAT members have won by acclamation: athletics — Brad Chatwin, 29, third-year business administration; and finance — Jon Fast, 20, second-year financial management.

John Turner, president of NC's Choice, is 22 and in first-year business administration. He said the key words in his campaign are communication and participation.

John plans to get more participation through better communication.

On the proposed student centre, John said he and his party are "all for it" as long as it doesn't mean an increase in student activity, locker or parking fees. He emphasized the need for student fund-raising to bankroll the centre.

Charlie Porcelli, president of SWAT, is 20 and a first-year accounting student. His main goal is to see the student body get more involved in guiding SAC.

Charlie feels it's up to students to tell SAC what they would like to see. He emphasized that he is willing to listen to any suggestions, research them and, if possible, carry them out.

Of the student centre, Charlie said he has heard a lot of negative reaction from students. He and his party feel that it is necessary to poll students to find their true feelings towards the centre.

By JANET TRUSSELL
Staff Writer

Increased communication and participation were candidates' promises to Mack nursing students. Candidates agreed a solution to nursing students' parking fee problem must be found.

Candidates for this year's Student Administrative Council (SAC) spoke at Mack Centre in St. Catharines last Monday.

Charlie Porcelli, running for president on the SWAT (Students Willing to Act Together) team, expressed his party's ambition to establish better communication between Niagara College's Welland campus and its satellite campuses.

Charlie's proposals for the nursing students at Mack campus included providing stereo in the nursing lounge and "real food" in the vending machines.

SAC: Theatre

The Theatre Centre deserves more recognition, state candidates in this year's SAC election.

Speeches were presented yesterday at the Theatre Centre in Welland to 25 concerned students. General proposals by candidates included pushing administration for renovations of the Theatre Centre and more promotions for their productions on college radio and newspaper.

Members of NC's Choice said they want better communication between the main campus and its satellites. Their suggestions for improvement included: monthly meetings with satellite students and SAC members, financial statements of SAC spending and busing between the main campus and satellite campuses. Obtaining a lighting system for the Theatre Centre was another party goal.

John Turner, running for president for NC's Choice party, also explained his party's goal to increase communication between SAC and students.

John suggested ticket distribution stations and advance advertisement of events at the satellite campuses would increase communication and student participation.

NURSES' NIGHT

John's direct proposal to Mack students was a Nurses' Night at one of the pubs.

Wayne Willis, running as vice-president for NC's Choice, said in his opening statement, "Last time I had so many girls looking at me I was in the wrong washroom." The sally was received with laughter from the audience of 20 female nursing students.

Wayne would like to create a bus service to deliver students from satellite campuses to and from pubs in Welland.

Eliminating the nurses' 50-cent daily parking fees and providing a bookmobile to deliver text books to satellite campuses were proposals made by Steve Gill, running for SWAT vice-president.

Running as an independent candidate means he will do more to benefit satellite campuses, Jim Brickell said.

Jim, running for vice-president of internal affairs, spoke of his ideas to increase student participation and better communication.

TALK TO TONY

Talk to Tony was Tony Dellaventura's motto, offering a phone number to call night or day to Mack nursing students. Tony would like to see the $50 student activity fee reimbursed to the nursing students to compensate them for their daily parking fees.

Tony is running for SWAT vice-president of internal affairs. Getting a microwave for the nursing students, perhaps sharing the cost and use with Brock students, was another of Tony's goals.

Tackling a few problems at a time, rather than taking on everything at once and not solving anything, was John Croce's idea. John is willing to listen to the students'opinions if elected vice-president of internal affairs for NC's Choice.

Tony DiGioia, of NC's Choice, running for social convener, stressed the importance of advertising events at satellite campuses. To provide "quality" bands for next year's pubs was another of his goals.

Jenifer Swiercz, SWAT candidate for social convener, said she didn't know that the Mack campus existed until she had to make her speech and "that is sad." She said she wants to represent a woman's voice on SAC if elected.

Parking

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Dave Carpenter, a training consultant for the industrial training program, was ticketed for the same offence last year and said his ticket was unjustified because "there are no parking signs" in the area.

"It is natural that we should park in that spot," Mrs. Korchok said. She said there is a lack of parking space at Welland Vale and no signs are posted.

Mr.Carpenter said he feels the officer is giving tickets unfairly and inconsistently.

Robarts

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and Tuesday at the main campus.

Those elected to the Welland Vale Senate next Friday serve six-month terms.

Miss Robarts said the six-month term results in a rapid turnover which has both an advantage and disadvantage. The advantage is that more students have the opportunity to fill jobs on the senate and therefore gain experience; the disadvantage is that six months is not very long to be able to implement student programs and senate members often feel let down when their term of office is over.

However, most courses at Welland Vale are not more than one year in length, and it is important the students be able to apply themselves to their course of study so they can graduate and find jobs as quickly as possible, she said.

"I feel that under the direction of Mr. Bosey (Morris Bosey, counsellor and staff adviser to the senate), the senates for the last two or three years have shown increased responsibility and in my opinion have been doing a very good job for the students at Welland Vale."

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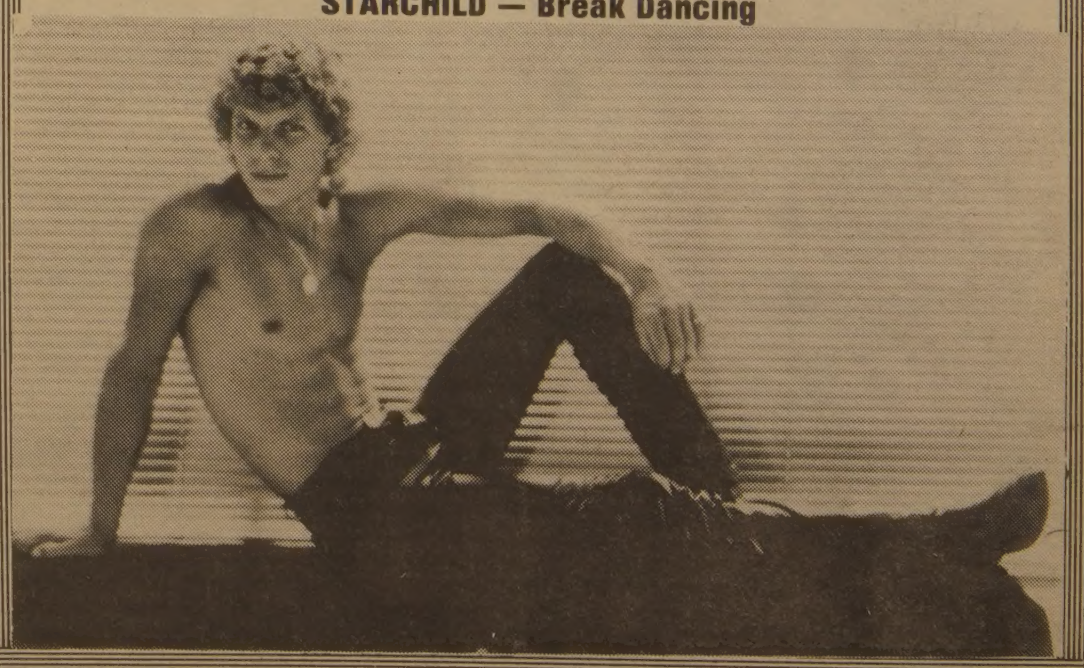

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College controversy over election posters

The content of two campaign posters backing candidates for the Student Administrative Council (SAC) election was the subject of a complaint to Niagara College president Jacqueline Robarts on Wednesday.

On display in the hallways and stairwells throughout the main campus, the posters in question contain what some students and staff members consider objectionable language and graphics. One poster features a drawing of a man urinating in a snow bank, the other a photograph of a man and woman on a bed.

Miss Robarts said she thinks it is sad that candidates feel they have to put up posters such as these to ask people to vote for them, and added that she would not vote for anyone who tries to attract attention to themselves in this manner if she were a student voting in the election.

"I know that people will say boys will be boys and it's all done in fun, but I don't think this (kind of) poster really becomes adult men and women," Miss Robarts said.

Presidential candidate John Turner insisted that no harm was meant by his party's poster, and added that members of NC's Choice did make an attempt to remove the offending posters after they received complaints about them the first day they went up.

NO HARM

SAC president Denis Noel said he thinks people may be overreacting to the posters. "I don't see any harm in it," he said and added that there may be a question as to the rights of freedom of speech if campaign posters were subject to censoring.

Although SAC regulations stipulate the size of posters, where they are to be displayed and insist that they should contain no campaign promises, they do not contain any other regulations about content.

Steve Gill, a candidate for vice-president for the SWAT (Students Willing to Act Together) party responsible for another poster some people considered controversial, expressed regret on behalf of his party that the poster, intended to be humorous, had offended anybody.

But he added, "If it can be done in public, I don't see why it can't be done in the school;" he said the idea for the poster came from the cover of a popular magazine.

An Apple given to Niagara teachers

Bare Essentials, co-written by a Niagara College English instructor, will be the first English textbook in Canada to be programmed into a computer.

Brian Green, Gary Webb and Craig McKay, English instructors at the college, are developing a program that may ultimately teach Bare Essentials at the computer. By December, they plan to have completed as a prototype the first three chapters. Bare Essentials was written by Mr. Green and Sarah Norton of Centennial College.

GIVEN COMPUTER

Holt Rinehart and Winston of Canada Ltd., publishing company, has given the college an Apple computer in return for which the instructors will develop the program. "Instead of you deciding whether or not to move on to the next exercise, it will decide if you're competent," Mr. Green said.

The instructors are in the process of becoming familiar with PILOT, the computer language designed specifically for educational programming.

"We're just feeling our way now, discussing how to develop the concept," he said. Programming will begin some time in May or June.

Mr. Green said the publishers, on discovering the need for a Canadian program, thought it an excellent idea to translate Bare Essentials into computer software.

"We're only developing a prototype," he said. "It has to be tested yet."

Modelling continues to be a relaxing, enjoyable hobby participated in by people of all ages. Donna Gregoire, second-year fashion arts student, looks over this scale model of a Grummman Intruder fighter-bomber.

Model aircraft kits hot item in region

By DAVE SMITH
Staff Writer

The sound of the four Cyclone engines roared into his ears, and the beat of machine guns hammered away around him. The fuselage shuddered and shook as menacing flak exploded close by. Enemy fighters streaked by at unbelievable speeds, and fighting in the battle-scarred skies over Germany...or is he?

The air combat was real, very real, 40 years ago, but now the battles are only in the imagination, and the planes that fought them are only miniatures. Plastic only 10 inches long, covered with paint and decals, and built with love.

Names like Revell and Tamiya and Hasegawa are the names of the trade. Anything can be purchased from them, from the United States Air Force's front line fighter plane, to a '57 Chevy Belair. From this love of miniatures which started professionally in the late '40s, groups and organizations completely dedicated to models have sprung up.

The International Plastic Modellers Society (IPMS) is one group. The society is international with chapters all over the world. The Isaac Brock Chapter meets at Laura Secord Secondary School in St. Catharines. The members talk of their latest projects and new techniques to perfect their craft.

According to Ray Lounsbury, owner of the *Niagara Cantral* Hobbies, people build models to relax and get away from the world outside for a while. "It gets them away from the hustle and bustle of the work week."

The most popular models seem to be aircraft and military kits. The biggest producers of these kits are Tamiya, Hasegawa, and Fujimi, which are Japanese companies. Steve Ihgham, an employee of Niagara Central Hobbies, said that Japanese kits are better quality.

Even though the price of the average model is between $5 and $15, the better quality models can be expensive, some into the hundreds of dollars. Mr. Ihgham said people are willing to pay more money for better quality. An average airbrush and compressor used in painting can be almost $300. "It wouldn't take long to spend a couple of hundred dollars," Mr. Lounsbury said.

Modelling has become big business. They have been seen zooming through space in the Star Wars trilogies and have journeyed where no man has gone before. They have helped sell cars on television and have voyaged to the bottom of the sea. Models are indespensable as props in motion pictures.

Models have become more than just a hobby. They become a thing of fantasy, letting the imagination take flight. Brick Price, who builds models for a living for films, takes great pleasure in his work. "Modelling is relaxing, instructive, and gives a wonderful sense of self-worth and accomplishment."

Once completed, models will let a person be and do anything he likes. He can envision war-torn skies, pirate-infested waters or a sun-drenched drag strip. After all, it's up to the imagination.

Potholes can be costly

A spring-time menace — the dreaded pothole — has appeared on campus and Marcella Therrien fell victim to one of the first. And into the fray came the college pothole patrol as soon as it learned of the onslaught to fill in the offender.

The Niagara College French teacher hit the pothole with her 1980 Thunderbird in parking lot B. When the car began making funny noises, Mrs. Therrien took it to a garage where the damage was discovered.

The front left ball joint and shock were cracked, the bill was $286. Mrs. Therrien is angry.

"I'm rather upset. Only three weeks ago I was a hit-and-run victim. That cost me $850."

J.A. Spittle, director of property and plant, said potholes are filled in when he is notified. There are not enough people on staff to look for them. Mr. Spittle said the hole will be repaired permanently in the summer, if funds are available.

Great Scott! Saint Patrick is a Scot

By ALETHA JONES
Staff Writer

His first name was Maewyn, but he was known to the Romans as Calpurnius. He has come down through the ages as St. Patrick the patron saint of Ireland.

Strangely enough, the patron saint of Ireland was not Irish himself. It is thought he was born in the British Isles, near the city of Dumbarton in Scotland. It is also uncertain when he lived, but some think it was about 385 to 460 AD, during the Roman occupation of Britain.

Most of what is known about him comes from his Confession, written in old age. The name Patrick comes from his status, for in his writing he spoke of himself as a patrician, the Latin word for well-born.

During Patrick's boyhood, the Roman Empire was near collapse and raiders from across the Irish sea, from a place the Romans called Juverna, came to pillage and take captives. Patrick was captured by the raiders when he was 16, and spent many years as a slave in Ireland.

After escaping from his captives, he was called back to Ireland by what he called visions and the "voice of the Irish crying as with one mouth, 'come hither and walk among us.' "

Fearless

He was a tireless and fearless missionary and preached to the Irish until he died. The Irish revered him and he is said to be buried near the River Quoile, in Downpatrick, County Down, Northern Ireland.

For years the shamrock has been the symbol of St. Patrick as well as of Ireland. Shamrock is the English name for the three-leaf plant, something like clover, known in Ireland as "seamrog". Legends say St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach the Irish about the trinity.

But what almost everyone remembers about St. Patrick is the saying "he drove the snakes out of Ireland." The belief that St. Patrick banished the snakes is very old. Perhaps the people of Ireland reasoned that since their country was a Christian country and was also free of snakes, St. Patrick, who had wiped out the old pagan reliegion, must have also expelled the snakes, a symbol of evil.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, the day of his death, not on the day of his birth. Its symbols — shamrocks, harps, leprechauns, flags, clay pipes, top hats and shillelaghs — are in part the story of the Irish and the land many of them left behind when they came to North America. For they brought with them their patron saint, St. Patrick.

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First Edition is the first opportunity first-year Journalism-Print students have to demonstrate their skills as reporters. The first-year students will also produce the last two editions of the Niagara News this year during the month of April while second-year students are on their annual field placement with newspaper and radio station newsrooms in the peninsula.

EDITORIALS

Election: who cares?

Students only attend Niagara College for two or three years. It is not important that they have a voice in college affairs.

Social activities are not essential to education and probably impinge on study time. College-sponsored student clubs and athletic teams are not well attended or supported by the student population, and are a further waste of time.

Unfortunately, Student Administrative Council [SAC] is holding an election on March 20 to elect the 84-85 president. If even a small percentage of students vote, their voices will be heard. They will make the decisions.

Ignore the election. Do not attend the meet the candidates sessions this week to hear what the candidates have to say.

Above all — do not, under any circumstances, vote.

Students will be urged to become involved in the election. There may even be a half-convincing argument or two. Pay no attention. Just say:

I don't know who to vote for.

The weather might be bad that day.

I can't get around to it because I'm busy.

The same people get in every time.

Students may want to save this clipping for use in the next general election.

Shirley LeReverend

Solved identity crisis

Pierre Trudeau has decided to retire as prime minister, not soon enough for some people, though. He had been described as an enigma. Perhaps the word should be image.

His contribution to Canada, in many Canadians' eyes, is a hyphenated-Canadian. A hyphenated-Canadian is an Italian-Canadian or a German-Canadian. Some people think that being a hyphenated-Canadian detracts from being a Canadian

Canada was said to be "The nation of the 70s." Somehow, Canada didn't live up to people's expectations. Perhaps these people thought that Canada would rule the world.

Well, before ruling the world, Canada and Canadians had a few problems to overcome. One was the image of National Identity.

Mr. Trudeau's government rescued some Canadian publishers from bankruptcy and initiated the Canadian Content Bill — you remember that bill, 51 per cent Canadian music and television.

Many people figured that the nationalizing of the media would create the new image. Well, images cannot be manufactured like a car rolling off a General Motors assembly line.

Canada is a multi-cultural or multi-nation state, an ethnic mosaic, not a melting pot, and the background and history of all hyphenated-Canadians is a large part of Canada, and the Canada-to-be.

So to the people who don't agree with being a hyphenated-Canadian, the only thing that matters is the last word — Canadian.

Mr. Trudeau, the enigma, thanks for the image.

Tom Stockwell

We are sorry

In last week's Niagara News the Spotlight page was incorrectly titled "Spotlight on Air conditioning, Refrigeration Engineering Technician." The photographs were actually of the Mechanical Engineering Technology program

Students in this program learn a sound knowledge of basic engineering, coupled with coverage of manufacturing processes and practices.

The pictures were taken in the Thermodynamics lab.

The Niagara News deeply regrets the error.

Letter to the Editor

Graduation, the end of school? A beginning, Alumni Assoc. says

Dear Editor:

Re: Graduates 1984

If you think all you have to look forward to after graduation is a job, think again! The Niagara College Alumni Association is here and waiting for you to become an active member after graduation.

This Association was formed in 1983 with the purpose of maintaining and promoting unity and friendship among graduates; to instill a feeling of unity with the college; and to foster a spirit of loyalty among members of the Niagara College community.

To date, over 250 alumni have become members and are now taking advantage of the benefits they receive as members. The Association's Executive Committee is working hard to develop activities in areas such as Seminars, Career Workshops, Athletics, Social and Travel, Newsletter production and Fund Raising Projects.

We hope that when your name comes up at convocation in June, you will not say "Goodbye" to Niagara. Instead join your peers and past graduates of your program and others for continuing friendships and involvement. When your Alumni Association contacts you, take the step and become a member! There is so much to gain.

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Carmine Angi
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Niagara College Alumni

Seasonal changes as springtime nears

Parks throughout the Niagara peninsula will soon burst to life as warmer temperatures force winter to break its icy grip on the landscape. The grass will turn green and flowers will bloom to provide strollers with more attractive areas to explore after the long months of ice and snow.

Library designed for research

Students no longer try to study while footballs fly through the air, but problems still exist in the library.Sometimes, students cannot find needed materials.

The $20,000 annual budget for acquisitions to the library collection is low, but has not fared worse than other service areas, Foster J. Zanutto, director of information services, said.

"The budget is not increasing at the expense of losing teachers. In the college's $27 million budget, computers and teachers come first."

Without direction from faculty and administration, library personnel do not know what new materials are required. Thirty students might arrive at once, asking for information on nuclear war, when the library had no warning that this would be a class project.

Noise problems are not only a matter of conversation in a traditionally silent area. Sounds rise in the circular, open architecture popular when the Tecumseh complex was built in the 1970s. Mr. Zanutto said Niagara College was an architectural showcase when first built.

The library has changed in recent years.Past misbehavior by students included football and frisbee games, littered debris from lunches and "making out" in corners, Mr. Zanutto said.

Increased vandalism led to the hiring of security guards to watch for students with razor blades who cut pages from books.

September, 1984, will bring a change in discussion group seating, called the "pits" by library staff. If students do not recognize that the library is becoming a more quiet place, library privileges will be withdrawn.

Joynt , Thomerson plan to leave

Two women who have dedicated many years to Niagara College will be leaving at the end of the academic school year — Mary Ellen Joynt, financial aid officer, and Muriel Thomerson, of the registrar's office.

Mrs.Joynt has been with Niagara College since 1969. "I sort of started out with two responsibilities." Mrs.Joynt said. She worked with Mary Hornak, now executive secretary to the board,as well working for Fred Harvie who was in charge of the (OSAP) Ontario Student Assistance Program. Mrs. Joynt worked in this position for two years before taking over the financial aid office.

Mrs. Thomerson started with Niagara College indirectly. In 1969 she worked wikth the Concordia Construction company, management consultants in the construction of Niagara College.

"I worked in the registrar's office part-time and in 1976 I started full time." Mrs.Thomerson said. "I sort of came here and never left."

Both Mrs.Joynt and Mrs.Thomerson plan to relax, spend time doing some of their hobbies, and travel after they leave the college.

MARY ELLEN JOYNT

Mrs.Joynt said she and her husband have planned an extended trip to Britain next year. "I would also like to introduce my husband to Greece."

Mrs.Thomerson plans to go to her cottage in the Georgian Bay area.

"If I get bored, then I'll think of what I'm going to do," she said.

Mrs.Joynt and Mrs.Thomerson have worked to help Niagara College students.

MURIEL THOMERSON

Through OSAP Mrs.Joynt assists students in need of financial help to maintain school studies. "The OSAP program has let students get post-secondary schooling who may not have been able to otherwise,"she said.

"I work with the students," Mrs.Thomerson said. "I supervise the processing of records and registrations of the post-secondary students." This will be the first time she has not taken part in handing out diplomas at Convocation.

Horticulture centre Open House in bloom

If you have a green thumb, the Niagara College Horticultural Centre's Open House should interest you.

The Open House will be held March 17 and 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.at the Horticultural Centre, 360 Niagara St., St. Catharines.

The Open House has been held annually since 1969 except for last year when a new addition was under construction.

Program co-ordinator Peter Mansfield said the Open House serves as a showcase for the students' work.

"Everyone is interested in gardening. Most people know what an African violet is and can relate to that."

The course enrols about 100 students, many from outside the Niagara area. There are students from British Columbia, New Brunswick, Quebec and all over Ontario enrolled in the course.

The program is a two-year in-depth course in general horticulture, with the emphasis on ornamental horticulture. Ornamental horticulture deals with the design of golf courses, research, landscape and floral arrangements.

Wilde play April 12

Friendship is far more tragic than love, Oscar Wilde once said. It lasts longer.

Wilde's play, The Importance of Being Earnest, will open on April 12 at the Theatre Centre.

"The Importance of Being Earnest is one of the best-known and wittiest farces in the English language," John Rapsey, theatre arts program co-ordinator,said. "Audiences can look forward to an evening of fun."

The play opens with a matinee performance on April 12 at 1:30 p.m. Curtain time for selected evening performances is at 8:00 p.m.

Top students visit tourism conference

A two-day tourism conference in Charlottetown, P.E.I., was a "fantastic opportunity" for students to meet members of the tourist industry.

Neil McGregor, chairman of hospitality, secretarial and legal division, of the School of Business, and two second-year students attended the Tourist Industry Association Canada Conference Feb. 19 to 22.

"Only the top students are eligible to attend the conference each year," Mr. McGregor said. "They get to see the side of the industry not many get to see."

Bonnie Hughson and Mary Zuerina, second-year tourism students, were invited as this year's representatives for the tourism-tours and attractions program.

The association's conference theme was 1984 — The Year of Tourism, The Year of the Turnabout.

The association sponsors a student travel grant program allowing two students to attend the conference each year. The cost of accommodations and travel expences are paid by the association. The student pays only $50 for meals and meetings. Niagara College is an educational member of the association.

Miss Hughson and Miss Zuerina will make a presentation the first week of April to the students of the tourism program on the experiences gained at this year's conference.

Welland campus

Summer renovation proposals

The Welland campus buildings will have some renovations during the summer closing, Jack Spittle, director of property and plant for Niagara College said.

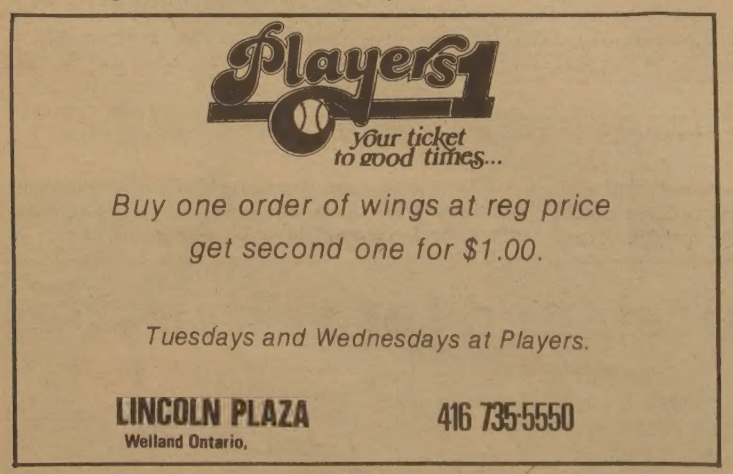
Nothing has been confirmed because a budget has not been established. He said "isolated renovations" will start during the summer months.

"We would like to start working as soon as the students leave the school, but it doesn't always work out as we plan."

The final budget decision is one reason the work may not start as soon as students leave, Mr. Spittle said.

"The users of each area submit to me what they think needs to be done. Often these are verbal proposals that I look into and send in for approval."

Mr. Spittle said the isolated renovations will be geared to facilitate better teaching arrangements.



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Draw winners

Gerry Barrett, holding the barrel of tickets; Dan Huard, SAC social convener, holding the winning ticket; and Dan Reeves holding the bottle of wine — were all involved in the running of the video weekend draw March 3. The draw was promoted by Dan Reeves, RTV graduate with the winner receiving three movies of his choice as well as a machine rental for one weekend.

(Photo by Don Ross)

Venture big success, creates jobs, profits

By JIM DOMINEY
Staff Writer

The scene is chaotic. A wall of people stretches around the building and into the parking lot. They are restless and anxious.

This phenomenon is not uncommon in Canadian cities including St. Catharines and Welland. It is not a scene created by the demand for concert tickets or Cabbage Patch dolls but something much more valuable, a job.

This description is of a St.Catharines video store that advertised for help recently. The situation is identical at many more stores that advertise. Competition for the few available jobs is intense.

Impressive

John Thistlethwaite and Ruth Sheridan, two Brock University students, have beaten the competition by creating their own jobs. Their business, University Printers, is an impressive example of what the Ontario Government's Student Venture Capital Program can initiate. They received the maximum $2,000 loan to begin their business last March.

Mr. Thistlethwaite, 20, refers to the program as "a great way to get started." The expansion of their business seems to prove this. The in-home operation of last year is to grow into its own office by April 1.

The program offers interest-free loans of up to $2,000 to students starting their own small business. The loans must be paid by Oct. 1, 1984, or interest will be charged. It is designed for student business operating mainly between April and October.

The program is open to anyone at least 15 years old and who is returning to full-time student status in the fall. Those under 18 will need guarantors for the loan.

The Ontario Youth Secretariat and local Chambers of Commerce provide help for the prospective student business. A secretariat booklet lists valuable information necessary before the business is begun. Mr. Thistlethwaite, a second-year business economics student, said a Chamber of Commerce booklet, Starting a Small Business in Ontario, contains information and ideas that can prove invaluable to a beginning business.

The idea for University Printers came from a business show last year. Mr. Thistlethwaite and Miss Sheridan, 21, an administration student, attended and were able to purchase the rights for their specialized printing business. Ideas can also be obtained from the Starting a Small Business in Ontario publication.

The Niagara Falls-based business did "extremely well" last year in Mr. Thistlethwaite's words. They found that customers calling back for more business allowed them to continue operating over the winter school term. They will open up for full business again by April 1.

The success of the venture surprised Mr. Thistlethwaite. Asked if the business would continue after graduation, he said, "I don't think we have a choice." The company's expansion into an office in Stamford Centre, Niagara Falls, includes the purchase of manufacturing equipment to augment the original printer.

The business has also expanded out as well as from within. Two franchises will be operating this summer. A London franchise will employ four students and an Ottawa franchise will employ three, along with the four extra students working in Niagara Falls. Each franchise has been loaned the maximum $2,000 under the Student Venture Capital Program.

Expanding

The printing done by the company began mainly as business cards, stationery, and invitations, available in 18 colors. They have expanded and now do many novelty items. Mr. Thistlethwaite considers their most prominent client the Toronto Blue Jays. Key tags for an upcoming Fan Appreciation Day will be printed for the team. The Brock University Students' Union has used the service during this school year for mugs, T-shirts, and other items.

The final deadline for application is June 15, but the information package advises applying early.

Although the wait in line hasn't been long. for the people standing it seems like an eternity. The anxiety from wanting this job makes the time go more slowly.

A person walks up to the chaotic scene, a classmate of some of the hopeful applicants. He stops and smiles at the scene. It is a nice feeling to avoid the rush for a job. He hurries on home knowing his newly started business is demanding his attention.

College chefs serve up success

Considering the favorable comments they received and the great job they did, the first-year food preparation students at Welland-Vale might just become famous chefs one day.

The food preparation students prepared lunch and supper for advisory committee chairmen and the school administration meeting on March 7 at the Welland Vale campus.

Meg Laugher, who purchases and prices food for the program, said the students "did an excellent job" and it was the first time they had done something of this size.

Ms. Laugher said there was "co-operation right down the line" and even with the trouble and time involved it was "worth it" because it was such a valuable learning experience for the students and teachers.

The lunch was served at 12:30 p.m. and consisted mainly of soup and quiche Lorraine. It was prepared by the first-year basic students, who have only been in classes eight weeks.

Keith Longster, who teaches the basic class, said the students did "an excellent job" and there were many favorable comments from the committee members.

The roast beef dinner was served at 5:15 p.m. and was prepared by the basic apprentice class. Taught by Ken McDonnell, the students have some cooking and food preparation experience but have only been in classes since Feb. 6.

Mr. Longster said the apprentice classes did a "terrific job" preparing the dinner and everyone was impressed with the way the students prepared and served lunch and dinner.

LOUNGE, BAR

While the food preparation students cooked, five students from the hotel and restaurant program in Niagara Falls set up the dining lounge and bar, Ms. Laugher said.

"Without them I wouldn't have made it," she said, adding they did a fantastic job.

Ms. Laugher, who started in June at Welland Vale, said, "Everyone had their own specific job to do" and it was like a well-run production line.

Peggy Delaney, food preparation basic student, said she enjoyed the experience and everyone had a good time in cooking and preparing the food.

Gerry Dupuis, another food preparation student, said "The class worked well." He said he enjoyed being involved in cooking and preparing the food.

The meeting was held over the day and a number of speakers discussed topics such as managerial skills and office automation.

Frenchship tours Quebec

Snowstorms did not stop the Frenchship Club from its annual trip to Quebec City. It was described by club member Tony Dellaventura as a "terrific experience" and a "great chance to practise French."

Students were surprised how much French they could actually speak and understand, Marcella Therrien, French college instructor said. She was responsible for organizing the trip during study week.

The club took advantage of being caught in the snow on Tuesday to do some shopping in Quebec City. The trip included a 4½-hour bus tour of Montreal, a carriage ride, a ride on the Levis Ferry on the St. Lawrence River, a tour of the Quebec Museum and the Cathedrale Nortre Dame in Montreal.

Students stayed in a youth hostel within the walls of old Quebec for $6 a night. The hostel was"clean, warm and very congenial," Mrs. Therrien said. Students had a French-Canadian meal at Les Anciens Canadiens in Quebec City.'

The purpose of these trips is to learn and to practise everyday French, said Mrs Therrien.

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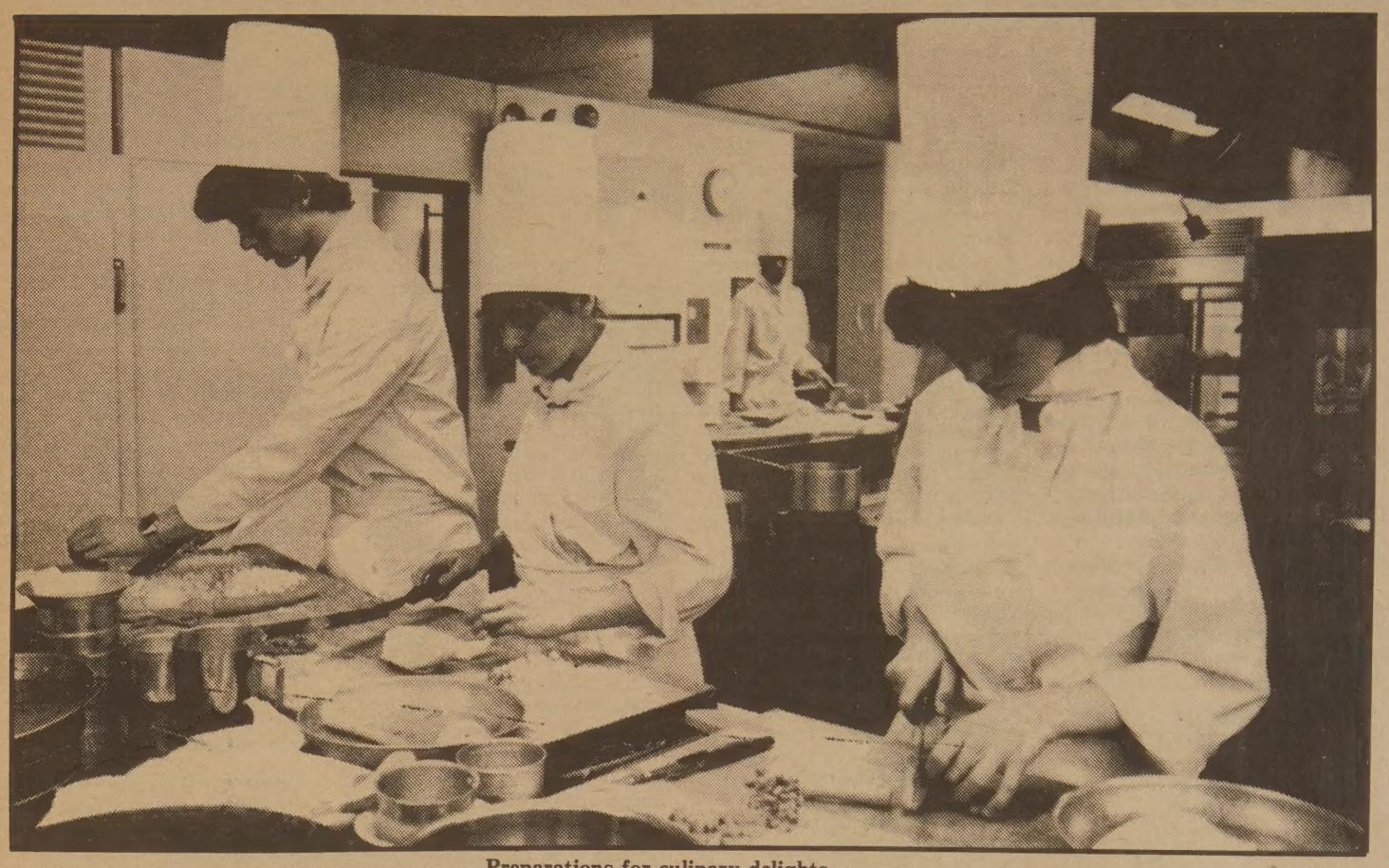


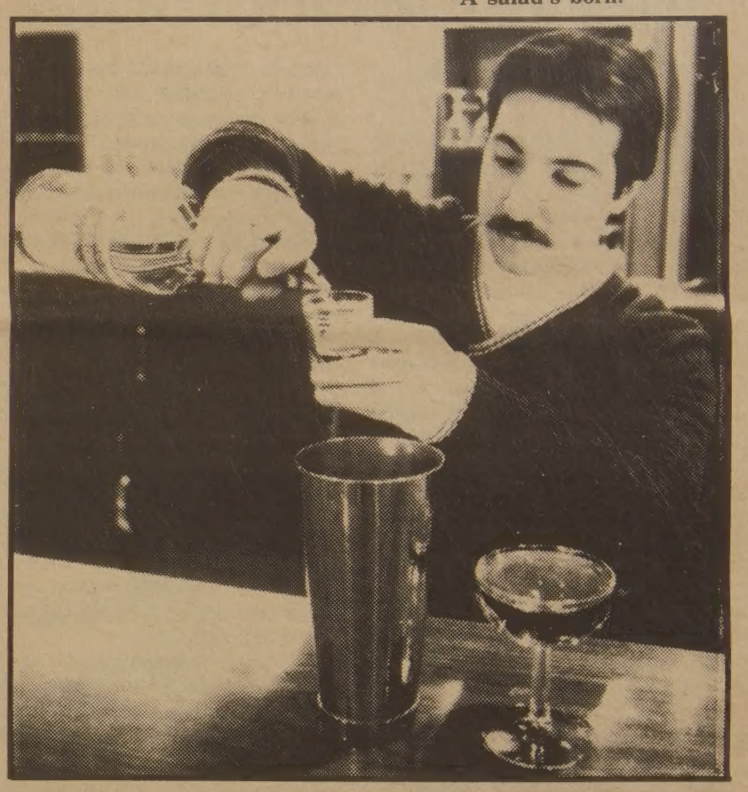
Preparations for culinary delights.

A salad's born!

Mountains of mashed munchies.

on Hotel and Restaurant Admin

Offered at the Rainbow Hotel Centre in Niagara Falls, the program teaches students hotel and restaurant operations internationally accepted as standard. Courses range from food preparation to oral communications in business.



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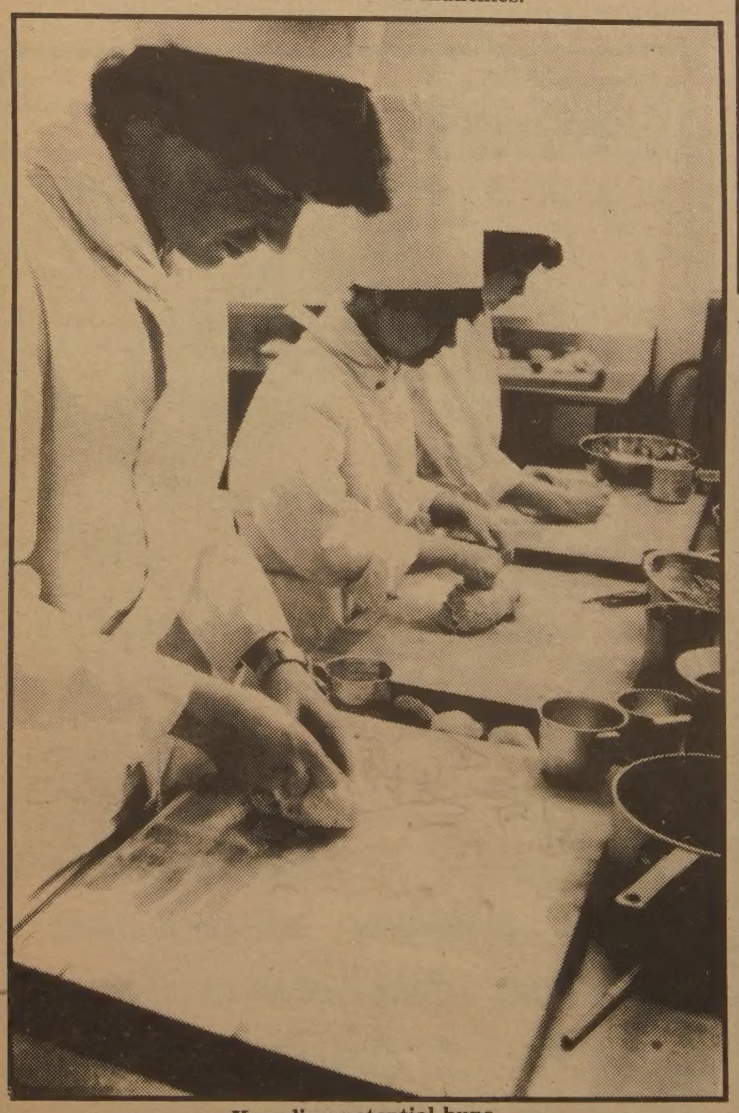
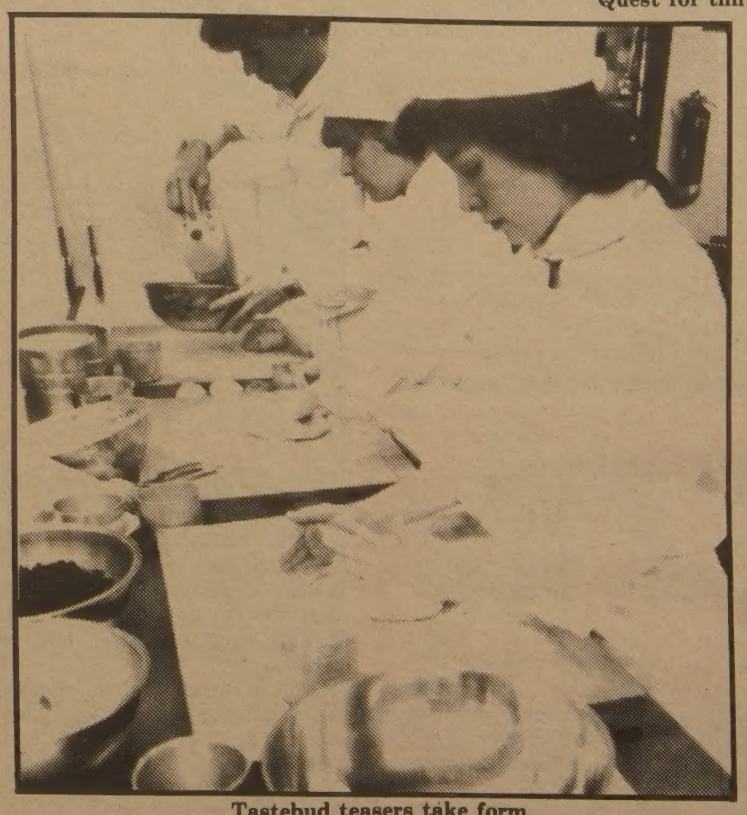
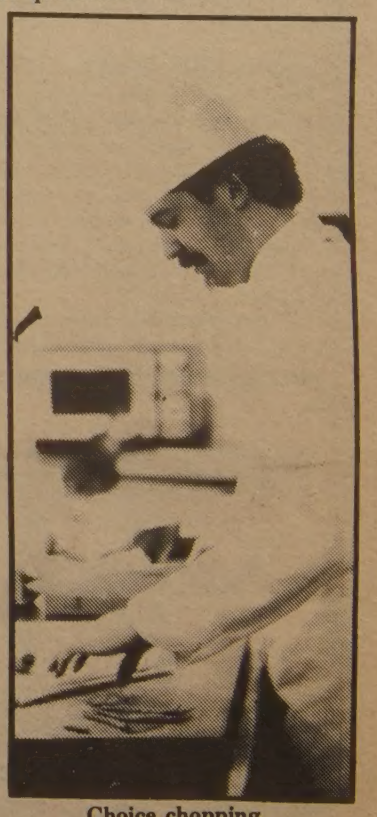


Kneading potential buns.



Tastebud teasers take form.



Choice chopping.

Graduate placement

Although placement rates for Niagara College graduates have decreased over the last two years, 77.2 per cent of last year's graduates found employment in related and unrelated fields.

College placement officers Ken Anderson and Gord McPherson said the fact that almost eight out of every 10 graduates of the class of 1983 found employment is proof of the confidence that business, industry and the community have in the abilities of college graduates.

The comparable figure for December, 1982, was 82 per cent.

Mr. Anderson related declining placement figures to the recession. "Placement difficulties were experienced during 1982 and 1983 and I do not see much change for 1984."

While the overall placement rate for college graduates has decreased, it is evident that a college education is still very valuable in finding employment, their report, "Placement 1983" said..

The school of applied arts, which offers 15 post-secondary programs, had a placement rate of 75.6 per cent. Students in five programs — educational resources technician, fashion arts, journalism-print, social service worker and theatre arts — had 100 per cent success in finding jobs in related and unrelated fields.

The school of technology had 73.5 per cent placement, down from 1982 results because of the decline in the manufacturing sector of the economy. The construction engineering technology program, however, had 100 per cent placement. The school offers 13 two and three-year post-secondary programs.

The school of business had a 77 per cent placement. Of its 16 programs three achieved 100 per cent placement — bilingual secretary, business administration: marketing management and retail management.

The school of health sciences had 82 per cent. Of the seven programs offered by this school, the dental hygienists achieved 100 per cent placement.

Urges secretaries to work temporarily

By ALETHA JONES
Staff Writer

In today's competitive job market, going temporary can be one solution.

This was the message given to secretarial students by Joan Brooker and Yolanta Stachow, of the provincial government Go-Temporary program, in the Secord room Feb. 23.

They spoke to an Awareness Seminar arranged for secretarial arts and bilingual secretary co-op students by instructor Valerie Thomas. Ms. Brooker has been with the provincial government for 10 years, Ms. Stachow for six. Both started as secretaries and are now personnel officers with the Go-Temporary program.

"Because of the present government hiring freeze, most positions are restricted to government workers, but the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) requires all government positions to be advertised and some positions can be applied for by the general public," Ms. Brooker said.

NO DISCRIMINATION

There is no discrimination in provincial government hiring on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, creed, color, nationality, ancestry, place of origin, or handicap, but applicants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, Ms. Brooker told the students.

Go-Temp positions may vary from half a day to several weeks but most assignments will not exceed six months.

The salary is competitive with other good employers and there are benefits, but the employee must be responsible for OHIP benefits.

Job skills for a Go-Temp position include typing, shorthand or dicataphone. Most jobs require typing sppeds of 60 to 70 words, but anyone with 80 words per minute will be looked at first.

Applications will be held on file for three months, after which it is a good idea to re-apply.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

Finding out about legal rights is important, Ms. Brooker said. Interviewers are aware of legal rights but they do sometimes ask what the applicant might consider personal questions.

"If an interviewer does ask a question which you may consider is an offensive or personal question, consider your answer carefully," said Ms. Brooker. "If you have decided that you do not really want to work for that company, you may refuse to answer, but otherwise make a joke of it in some way."

There will be three people at a Go-Temp interview, the staffing officer, the immediate job supervisor, and a third impartial person.

"Let the interviewer guide the interview," said Yolanta Stachow, "but don't be afraid to ask questions. Discuss salary, benefits, how many you'll be working for, and when you can expect a call."

World's number one hitchhiker tours Europe on 84 cents a day

By JOHN PERKINS
Staff Writer

Exquisite ditches were not included in the itinerary when Gil White toured Europe on 84 cents a day.

Speaking in the Hamilton Room March 8, Mr. White said, contrary to what people believe, you can tour Europe on 84 cents a day and not have to sleep in ditches. "I slept in a bed 90 per cent of the time," he said.

Standing behind a lectern draped with his Canadian flag, Mr. White said the three main expenses are transportation, accommodation and food. Cutting these costs is how touring Europe on an average of 84 cents a day can be possible.

Mr. White, 26, who has visited 45 countries, has written a book illustrating how these costs can be reduced. His book Europe on 84 Cents a Day describes 28 successful ways to hitchhike, 16 ways to acquire free accommodation and 12 ways to eat free.

Females

The self-proclaimed World's Number One Hitchhiker has never had problems hitchhiking. He said it is even safe for females, if they take precautions. Women should never hitchhike alone and should avoid Turkey and the Middle East, he cautioned. Hitchhikers should perform a quick character analysis before jumping into an automobile.

Amused drivers would pick up Mr.White as he waved his Canadian flag. Canadians are well-received abroad, the St. Catharines native said.

If flag-waving fails, Mr.White has plenty of other methods. He would stand with a sign bearing his destination — but on the wrong side of the road. When drivers stopped to inform him of his mistake, he told them he really wanted a different destination, one in the direction the driver was heading. Confused and amused drivers would offer him a lift.

Mr.White said grooming is important so that a hitchhiker can appeal to a greater cross-section of drivers. Sunglasses are out as drivers like to check hitchhiker's eyes.

Often drivers will offer to buy meals for hitchhiking tourists. Although not expected, this is one way travellers can shave food bills. Avoiding roadside eateries is a must when trying to curb eating expenses.

Mr. White advises carrying fruit to appease appetites until inexpensive restaurants are reached.

Spending a night in jail may not be your idea of fun, but you can't beat the price. Mr. White pointed out that vacant cells can serve as free accommodiation. Having never been refused a cell, he said you should request lodging from police in towns with a population of less then 25,000.

College and university residences should always be explored by thrifty travellers. Many times, Mr. White was able to sleep in beds vacated by students who had gone home for the weekend.

Mr. White was rewarded with a night's hotel accommodation for working in its kitchen. It is imperative when recieving free accommodation to do a favor in return. He cited chopping wood, doing dishes, shovelling snow or entertaining children as examples. If your host has no chores, he suggestes buying an inexpensive gift.

Mr. White said before leaving on your trip make a list of all possible contacts in the foreign lands. Because you are serving as a spokesman for cousins and friends, people will not mind helping you out. And, they can be called in case of emergency.

Another suggestion is to exchange currencies with people. The banks' rates are higher, he explained.

He advised travellers to buy a quality backpack and to bunch items in clear plastic bags. This eliminates having to sort through everything. It also keeps items dry in case of rain. "A tent should be included, just in case."

"Situations arise on a budget of $2 a day," said Mr. White. It is these situations that make a trip to Europe more fulfilling than travelling with sightseeing tours. "Bus tours are too fast-paced."

If you do travel by train, he suggests hitchhiking at least one day a week. "Try to make your trip as interesting as possible."

For travel to Europe Mr. White recommends Pan-American Airlines. "They have the best fares for students."

Straying from bus tours in the Soviet Union, Mr. White was able to mix with the Soviet people. Within hours of being in the country he was approached by a married couple who wished to defect. Soviet officials made certain the couple never met with Mr. White again.

An Israeli man told Mr. White he was tired of all the fighting. To Mr. White this means a lot more than hearing it on television. Touring his way provides such insight.

Drivers

He said drivers give different viewpoints, tell of special events and inform of odd jobs that are available.

The man who went five weeks without spending a cent said it is a misconception that tourists who spend $8,000 on their trip have a better time than people who spend $5,000. "It's just the opposite."

People who plan to see Europe, but think they do not possess the necessary funds may not have to ditch their trip after all.

Tax tips

Debbie Roulette, regional manager of H&R Block, will instruct a Tax Seminar at the Tecumseh lounge on April 3 at 7:15 p.m.

She will discuss recent changes to the tax form and give money-saving tips.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Poet / Painting

Welch's painted word pictures describe poet's New Brunswick

As if still enthralled by her perceptions, Liliane Welch sensitively painted word pictures of a savage land, as she read some of her poems to a receptive audience in Simcoe 211, March 9.

A wedding of marshes,
a feeling of earth,
a tasting of sun.....

Writing, in her poems, about life in New Brunswick, Mrs. Welch helps one to feel the wild fury of a winter's storm, to smell the scent of the marshes as they come to life under the summer sun, and to understand the quality of a people who are shaped by the harsh land.

"The people here have not triumphed over the wild desolation," she said.

Beyond winter's furnace
like explorers they face
the burdens of their pursuit...

A teacher of French literature for the past 15 years, Mrs. Welch came to Canada 17 years ago with her husband whom she met in the Unites States. Born in Luxembourg, she studied in Europe and the United States, and taught for a number of years after receiving her master of arts and PhD degrees.

Mrs Welch still returns to Europe each summer to study and do some mountain-climbing in the

LILIANE WELCH

Alps and the Dolomites in Italy.

She spoke of a desire to live near the mountains, and said mountain-climbing is a most beautiful experience.

In her poem climbing the "Peak of the Virgin"in the Dolomites, one can almost feel the damp mists on one's face and experience itself.

Although she has been writing for only a short time, Mrs. Welch already has several books of poems published, among them Syntax of Ferment; From the Songs of the Artisians; Brush and Trucks; October Winds and Assailing Beats.

Her approach to writing poems is "almost like praying — complete concentration," she said. Although English is not her native language, Mrs. Welch loves those Anglo-Saxon, one-syllable words. "Such drive, such impact," she said.

"Being a poet is like being in the service of the language."

There seems to be a sadness underlying the small smile, an sense of exile of an artist who likens life in New Brunswick to hanging from a rope over an abyss in the mountains.

Mrs. Welch speaks of the inner self in people she writes of, and there is attunement to the elements of nature as well as to the essential in mankind.

The settling;
fierce frosts cut
into their tough bones
pressed in that journey of hope;
a winter
of hardships and fear
drives sharp through
their flesh,
kneads them
into the place
and releases them
to the fields of work.

North Bay artist's paintings representing mankind

By ANNE CRAMP
Staff Writer

A noted North Bay artist's works will be on display in the Hennepin Art Gallery until March 31.

Some of Dennis Geden's paintings in the exibit include: Girl With Hairnet; Girl Attracting Blackbirds; Girl Comtemplating Her Reflection, and Girl With Water Jar.

The figure in most of his paintings is of a girl. "I get more enjoyment out of painting girls...although the people in my paintings could really be either be male or female...because the whole idea of the figure is to represent mankind in general," Mr. Geden said.

"Those people seem to be an integral part of his character," Linda Crabtree, a former art critic for the St. Catharines Standard, said.

Growing up in North Bay, Mr. Geden was not influenced by other artists. As a result, "I didn't really end up wanting to paint like anyone else."

"You might get tired of it (Mr. Geden's paintings), but it's certainly intriguing," Frances Turnbull, Welland oil painter, said.

Mr. Geden began painting professionally 14 years ago after studying at Sir Williams School of Art in Montreal. He began painting with oils primarily, and became more interested in water colors as he went along. "Now it's half and half, I usually favor one or the other at any given time," Mr. Geden said.

A few of his many awards include the Ontario Arts Council Grant for 1976 to 1982, and Exhibition Award for his display at the Laurentian Universtiy Gallery in Sudbury, and in 1981, an honorable mention award, IV, American Biennial of Graphic Art, in Columbia.

His paintings usually range in price from $400 to $5,000 depending upon the size, age, or medium used.

Whistling atomizer watercolor helper

By RUSS DUHAIME
Staff Writer

Fine Arts students were whistling while they worked last week during a two-day watercolor workshop featuring North Bay artist Dennis Geden.

The whistling noise was made by a tool called an atomizer which the students were using to spray paint onto their paper. Mr. Geden demonstrated the technique and then let the students try their hands at it.

He said the technique is similar to using an air brush but produces a more textured result. The atomizer is an inexpensive tool. One end is dipped into a container of paint while the artist blows through the other end spraying paint onto the paper.

It is a time-consuming process because portions of the paper must be covered to allow the paint to strike specific areas.

DREAMLIKE QUALITY

Each time a different color is used, a different portion of the paper is exposed. The result is a painting with an "atmospheric dreamlike quality."

Mr. Geden will have samples of his work on display in the Hennepin Art Gallery until the end of March. His works cover water paints, oils, and some prints (lithographs). "I like to work at one medium at a time and then apply the techniques learned to other mediums."

A part-time teacher at Canadore College, Mr. Geden said he tries to set aside time for his own work. "I don't like to let the teaching part take over." He said, however, he enjoys teaching because he likes to see what the students can do with the basic techniques they learn.

He said his painting has to be a labor of love because the time spent on a painting does not amount to a lot of money.

His work will be displayed in London, England, in April at Canada House, which he describes as the showplace for Canadian art in England.

Public Speaking

A public speaking seminar for women will be held in the career library on March 22 at 12.10 p.m.

Joan O'Donnell, president of the regional International Toastmistress Club, will be guest speaker.

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SPORTS

Falls' boxer Rob Fortuna vies for chance at Olympics

By VALERIE SCOTT
Staff Writer

You may not have heard of Rob Fortuna...yet. But this 20-year-old Niagara Falls native hopes to represent Canada as a Bantamweight boxer at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles this summer.

"I really want to be in the Olympics. It's been a lot of hard work," Rob said, while he doodled on a piece of scrap paper with a pencil.

Weighing in at 120 pounds and standing five feet four inches, the classic boy-next-door was dressed comfortably in a red sweatshirt and jeans. Despite his innocent appearance, his face shows evidence of a few battle-scars near his nose and mouth. Luckily, he still has all of his teeth, which were pulverizing a stick of gum.

Rob Fortuna, of 6447 Bracken St. in Niagara Falls, has been boxing for seven years under the guidance of his coach, John DeGazio. He trains at the Niagara Falls Boxing Club two hours a day, five days a week. His workout consists of skipping, shadow boxing, callisthenics and bag work, besides running three miles a day

Although he usually follows a proper diet, this week he is "starving" himself in order to lose one pound to qualify for the Ontario Boxing Championships in Peterborough today, Saturday and Sunday.

If he wins the Ontario Championship, he will go on to compete in the Canadian Championship being held in Three Rivers, Que. on April 6. It is at the Canadian Championships that the Canadian Amateur Boxing Association (CABA) chooses the Olympic Boxing team. The final decision will be made by the CABA in May, he said.

To qualify for the Olympic boxing team, competitors must have senior status and be 19 or over.

"You've got to be good — and I'm damn good," Rob added while he thumped on the table with a clenched fist to punctuate his point.

Rob has fought about 60 fights, winning 45 and losing only 15 "give or take a few." He won the Canadian Championships in 1982, and the Ontario Championships in 1980, 1982 and 1983.

His most memorable fight was the 1982 Canadian Championships at the Olympic Coliseum in Montreal. He defeated Billy Dunlop, who had won a silver medal at the Panama Games in Venezuela a few weeks before the Canadian Championship. He also won against Serge Couson of Quebec. "Not only was I happy that I beat them, but I also took the championship," he said.

Although he isn't being sponsored, the Ontario Recreation Committee has given him "a few hundred dollars" to help cover his training and travel expenses. Most of the money comes out of his own pocket, which is becoming harder because he is umemployed. He fights all over Ontario and Buffalo, N.Y., about once a month because he "needs a break from punching people out."

Rob's brother, Rick, who is a professional boxer, influenced him to box when he was 13 years old. "I used to go to the arena with Rick and got interested after watching him bring home the trophies," he said.

Rob's family is supportive of his boxing, although his mother "doesn't like to watch." The only time he recalls being hurt was during a match with Eddie Mance of Buffalo a few years ago.

"I wasn't knocked out — just stunned. I didn't know where I was after the fight," Rob said with a grin. "The experience was really weird."

Rob stated that boxing isn't a dangerous sport. "The more serious injuries come from football and hockey. The headguards are excellent protection and there is always a doctor on hand during the match — just in case."

If he doesn't make the Olympic team, he has decided to turn professional like his brother. "All I have to do is get a licence" he said.

Before leaving for home, Rob Fortuna left the pencil and the scrap paper on the table. He had scribbled stars all over it. Perhaps the stars were symbols of someone wishing for his Olympic dream to come true. If so, he is already reaching for those stars...and possibly a gold medal too.

Motorcycle: new course

A motorcycle driver training program is one of the new courses offered for spring and summer by continuing education.

Continuing education director Gail Hilyer said the new flyer, being printed at press time, will be available early next week.

It will include courses for both spring and summer terms. Ms. Hilyer said the motorcycle driver training program is being run in co-operation with the Canada Safety Council. Participants will require a beginner's licence. Motorcycles will be provided for the 17-hour practical training.

Heart-Save program

Niagara College's Alumni Association is sponsoring a Heart-Save program for its members on Wednesday, April 18, at Hennepin Hall.

Frank Adamson, co-ordinator of the ambulance and emergency care program, will instruct the four-hour session.

If interested, call Geri Newell extension 603.

Splash without cash

As you trip and stumble across frozen ground wearing a bulky winter coat, mittens and boots, it is hard to believe that in a few short months summer will have arrived.

If, like many people, the thought of no longer hiding your out-of-shape body in winter clothing frightens you, do not worry.

There is a benefit of being a Niagara College student that may help you out.

The Welland YMCA, 285 Main St. E., welcomes Niagara College students to use the pool. During adult swims, students with Niagara College student cards are allowed in free. During these swims you can swim lengths to get in shape and practise your style for the beach this summer.

The college students come swimming quite often, aquatic director Diane Grant said. "Often if one student comes, they come in a group."

"Most of the students come on weekends or the weekday evening swims," lifeguard Theresa Ross said.

A special "fitness option" open to Niagara College students allows use of the weight room. Eighty-four college students have taken advantage of this option which costs $15 for the school year.

As you clutch your coat a little closer to your body, remember there is still time before summer to do something to get in shape and even a place to do it — the Welland Y.

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SPORTS

GARY MCDONNELL

All-star defenceman reflects on season

He has played hockey for 13 years for the St.Catharines Hawk all-star team before being recruited to the Niagara Knights.

The only Knights player named to the 1983-84 International Collegiate Hockey League all-star team, Gary McDonnell, 19, a first-year computer-engineering student, said, "The year was enjoyable with good competition."

Gary, a defenceman from St. Catharines, was chosen because of his outstanding work on the Niagara Knights' blueline. Coach Fred Bassi commended Gary on his spirit and his ability as a solid defenceman.

"He is an inspiration to the team and next year he will be a definite leader," he said.

Each year 12 players are chosen for an ICHL all-star team. The players are voted on by the coaches of the seven teams that make up the league. The players are judged on their team work and their ability on the ice.

Gary accumulated nine points over the year — one goal and eight assists.

Asked if there were any changes he would have made to the team Gary said, "There were a few attitude problems but they were easily resolved by coach Bassi.

Gary's greatest inspiration in his hockey season were his parents who were loyal fans all year and never missed a game. His other inspirations were his defence partner, Jeff Read, and the other second-year players

Hobbies Gary enjoys when he is not playing hockey is playing the electric bass which he has played for three years. In the summer, he likes to take part in recreational baseball.

Bassi's optimism high

At first Fred Bassi is intimidating. His loud and powerful voice can be threatening and dominative, but it soon seems the voice of an easy going guy who can easily fit in with the fellas at the gym.

Mr. Bassi, college athletics assistant, enjoys the work he does with the college athletes. His attitude shows in his opinion of the college. As an educational institue, he rates it "high on the totem pole."

A former tennis coach for the college, Mr. Bassi, now the only hockey coach, says the athletic department can improve if only the funds were available. He points out he has a great concern for all facets of his department but says that new facilities, possibly a swimming pool, would help improve student involvement.

This lack of involvement is one area which concerns him. Community colleges are close to home and once students are finished their classes, they go home and forget about school. "Overall the spirit is not as united or intense as in high school or university."

In university, students are stuck in a dorm situation and have nothing else to do, so they get involved with school activities. He sadly adds that the problem may never be solved.

After attending college in Boston and getting his degree in physical education, health and recreation from 1963 to 1967, he came to Niagara in 1970.

Mr. Bassi, 38, now lives in Welland with his wife, Lauma, and their three children. Originally from Niagara Falls, Ont., he says from the time he was a youngster, he wanted to be involved with athletics in any way possible.

When the subject of this year's Niagara College teams comes up, he tries to leave no one out. He gives credit to everyone but uses two badminton players going to the national championships and the women's basketball team which lost in the finals by only one point as examples of the great success Niagara had.

Letter to editor

Good knight, coach Bassi

The Niagara Knights hockey team wishes to express special thanks to Fred Bassi for his inspirational coaching throughout the year. Special thanks must also go to Cam Wilson, Gord McPherson and Pepi DiPasquale who were part of the Niagara Knights.

Cam and Gord assisted Fred in the coaching and Pepi was an asset to the team as the trainer. They donated a lot of their spare time and without their time the team would not have been possible.

So as not to leave anyone out, here's to the few fans who showed up for each game. You are to be commended on your team spirit and participation. Maybe with more support from Niagara students the team just might have gone a little further.

Niagara Hockey Knights

10-km run chilly fun

Shorts at this time of year? It may sound ridiculous and bone-chilling, but for the runners who participated in the Polar Bear run at Brock University, it was all part of the fun.

Bravely bearing bitter cold winds and a chilly temperature of 12 degrees Fahrenheit, about 150 runners came out for Brock University's fourth annual Polar Bear 10-kilometre run March 10.

Many runners were wearing sweat clothing and shorts, but two men who stood in the crowd were wearing brightly-colored, flowered Hawaiian shorts. One runner ran the race with a miniature polar bear attached to his hat, while another lively group flew through the course with wings attached to their backs.

The 10-kilometre, cross-country survival run included six miles of rough terrain, hills, slop and water. It provided runners with a unique challenge, subjecting them to deep snow and slippery conditions. Although it sounds difficult and it was, Al Pedler, race director, said the run was designed to be a fun run and should not be taken seriously.

Receives award

The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association has awarded the Seneca Braves/Scouts-Mixed Curling team as Team of the Week.

Seneca's mixed curling team posted a perfect 7-0 record in capturing the provincial title at the Curling Championships.

The Seneca foursome was so impressive that the entire team was voted to the mixed curling all-star squad.

All-star

The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association has awarded Dave Barkwell as the Athlete of the Week.

Dave Barkwell's 31-point performance pace the Northern Huskies to a 72-63 victory over Loyalist Lancers in the gold medal final of the Tier II championship tournament held at Durham College in Oshawa.

The six foot-one inch native of Timmins, Ont., who also scored 25 points in Northern's 76-72 semi-final win over Canadore Panthers, was named the tournament's most valuable player. Earlier in the week, he was voted to the Tier II league all-star team.

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